

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) ~~[[The]]~~ A use of hyaluronic acid having molecular weight from 500 000 to 4 000 000 g/mol for manufacturing a dietetic preparation for prevention and treatment of osteoporosis, characterized in that it contains at least one physiologically acceptable salt of hyaluronic acid, which is in the form suitable for oral administration.
2. (Currently Amended) The use of hyaluronic acid ~~[[of]]~~ according to claim 1 for manufacturing a dietetic preparation for prevention and treatment of osteoporosis, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the physiologically acceptable salt of hyaluronic acid is selected from the group ~~comprising~~ consisting of sodium salt, potassium salt, zinc salt, magnesium salt ~~[[or]]~~ calcium salt, or combinations thereof.
3. (Currently Amended) ~~Dietetic preparation~~ The use of hyaluronic acid according to ~~claims 1 and 2~~ characterized in that it claim 1 wherein the preparation contains calcium salt.
4. (Currently Amended) ~~Dietetic preparation~~ The use of hyaluronic acid according to ~~claims 1 to 3~~ characterized in that claim 1 wherein the form suitable for oral administration contains 5 mg to 300 mg of physiologically acceptable salt of hyaluronic acid per day.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~Dietetic preparation~~ The use of hyaluronic acid according to ~~claims 1 to 4 characterized in that it~~ claim 1 wherein the preparation further contains ~~[[some]]~~ at least one victual.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~Dietetic preparation~~ The use of hyaluronic acid according to claim 5 ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the ~~victuals are~~ victual is selected from the group ~~comprising~~ consisting of coconut flour, dried milk, inverted syrup, vitamin premix, de-mineralized water, chewing substance, ~~[[or]]~~ fruit flavor, and combinations thereof.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~Dietetic preparation~~ The use of hyaluronic acid according to ~~any of the preceding claims characterized in that it~~ claim 1 wherein the preparation is in solid form, ~~such as tablets, bars, chewing tablets, chewing gum, hard capsules, or candies.~~

8. (Currently Amended) ~~Dietetic preparation~~ The use of hyaluronic acid according to ~~any of the claims 1 to 6 characterized in that~~ claim 1 wherein the dietetic preparation is in liquid form, ~~such as an instant drink or syrup, wherein it~~ and further contains potassium sorbate as preservative.

9. (New) The use of hyaluronic acid according to claim 7 wherein the solid form is selected from the group consisting of tablets, bars, chewing tablets, chewing gum, hard capsules, candies, or combinations thereof.

10. (New) The use of hyaluronic acid according to claim 9 wherein the liquid form is an instant drink or syrup.